

Being a regular user of the Internet and a very active Amateur Radio operator, I tried to keep an open mind about Broadband over Power Line (BPL). But when I viewed the ARRL video and the adverse impact to the HF spectrum due to broadband interference, I became very concerned about the problems this will cause Amateur Radio.

First and foremost, I believe BPL will adversely impact the ability of Amateur Radio operators to perform their most important function - that of providing emergency communications in a disaster. From the interference levels noted in the aforementioned video, it is clear to me that the ability to hear weaker stations (as would be expected in an emergency) would be severely compromised.

Second, since BPL interferes with Amateur Radio in the HF spectrum, it is logical to assume that the susceptibility of BPL to RF from Amateur Radio operations will be a problem. I would expect that Amateur Radio operators would be blamed for interfering with BPL, even though they are operating well within FCC regulations.

Based on the above concerns, I am opposed to BPL.

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